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I GOT PROBLEMS.
AND SURE, I GET IT-- EVERYONE DOES. BUT THESE DAYS--
--I THINK MINE ARE PRETTY SPECIAL.
CAN YOU TELL US WHY YOU'RE OUT HERE PROTESTING TODAY?
I'M TIRED OF SEEING MY COUNTRY DISHONORED. THIS MAN--HE NEVER SERVED. HE AIN'T FIT TO SHINE STEVE ROGERS' SHOES.
MY CAP!
BUT YOU ARE AWARE THAT ROGERS HAS CLAIMED HE APPROVES OF SHARING THE MANTLE WITH SAM WILSON?
I DON'T GIVE A DAMN.
THAT MAN DON'T SPEAK FOR ME. AND CAPTAIN AMERICA IS SUPPOSED TO REPRESENT ALL OF US.
HE WANTS TO GO BACK TO BEING THE FALCON OR WHATEVER, FINE BY ME. BUT WE SHOULD GET A SAY IN WHO WEARS THAT SUIT.
PROTESTS CONTINUE TO FOLLOW SAM WILSON, THE REPLACEMENT CAPTAIN AMERICA SOME NOW CONSIDER UNNECESSARY IN LIGHT OF THE RETURN OF THE ORIGINAL, STEVE ROGERS--
NOT MY CAP!
GIVE BACK THE SHIELD!
HARRY, WHAT'S YOUR TAKE ON THESE PROTESTS? ARE THEY WORKING?
I THINK THEY ARE, AMANDA. AS MUCH AS THE COASTAL ELITES MAY NOT LIKE TO ADMIT IT, THE REALITY IS THAT THIS NEW CAPTAIN AMERICA HAS BEEN A DISASTER. IT'S TIME FOR HIM TO GO.
HE HAS A RADICAL, HIGHLY PARTISAN, AND FRANKLY ANTI-AMERICAN AGENDA. IT'S TIME WE TOOK A STAND AGAINST THE POLITICAL CORRECTNESS THAT NOW PERMEATES THE AVENGERS. SAM WILSON--
--IT'S TIME TO GIVE BACK THE SHIELD!
AND IN OTHER NEWS TODAY--
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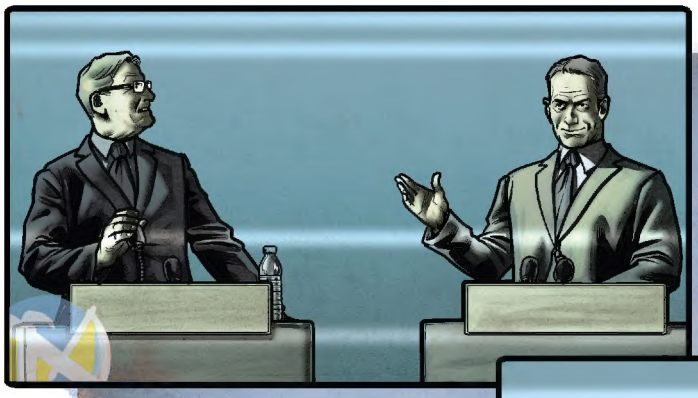
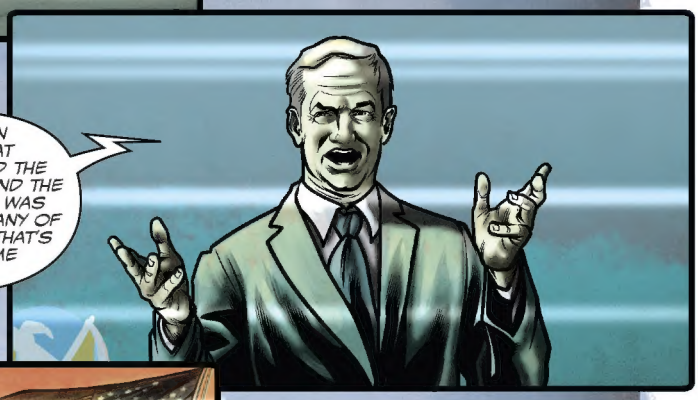


SENATOR **TOM HERALD** OF TEXAS HOSTED AN IMPROMPTU PRESS CONFERENCE WITH KEANE INDUSTRIES PRESIDENT **PAUL KEANE--**

--WHERE THE SENATOR ENTHUSIASTICALLY BACKED KEANE'S NEW PRIVATE POLICING INITIATIVE, THE **AMERICOPS.**



AS MOST OF YOU KNOW, I MADE MY MONEY IN THE **PRIVATE SECTOR,** IN **OIL.** BUT FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR WAYS TO **GIVE BACK--**WAYS I COULD HELP THE COUNTRY I LOVE--

--AND WHEN I LOOKED AT THE CHAOS AND THE LAWLESSNESS AND THE VIOLENCE THAT WAS PLAGUING SO MANY OF OUR STREETS, THAT'S WHEN IT CAME TO ME--

THE **AMERICOPS.** OVER ONE THOUSAND STRONG--EMPOWERED, EQUIPPED AND TRAINED TO BE THE NATION'S STRONGEST PRIVATE LAW ENFORCEMENT BODY EVER ASSEMBLED.

IN THE INITIAL CITIES THEY'VE BEEN DEPLOYED TO, POLICE AND CIVIC LEADERS ARE ALREADY POINTING TO **DOUBLE DIGIT REDUCTIONS** IN VIOLENT CRIME RATES--

AND WE BELIEVE THAT'S JUST THE BEGINNING.

THAT'S RIGHT. TOMORROW I WILL INTRODUCE A BILL IN THE SENATE THAT WILL CALL FOR **INCREASED RESOURCE-SHARING** BETWEEN FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE AMERICOPS.

THE RESULTS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES, AND I APPLAUD MISTER KEANE FOR HIS **GENEROSITY** AND **DEDICATION** HERE.

THIS PROGRAM IS **WORKING,** AND FINALLY TURNING THE TIDE IN OUR ONGOING WAR ON CRIME.

BUT THE AMERICOPS PROGRAM IS NOT WITHOUT CONTROVERSY...
...AND SOME NEIGHBORHOODS WHERE THEY'VE SHOWN UP ARE ALREADY ASKING THEM TO LEAVE--
--WITH ACCUSATIONS OF PROFILING, HARRASSMENT, AND EXCESSIVE FORCE COMING WITH INCREASING VOLUME FROM LEADERS IN MANY MINORITY COMMUNITIES--
--CHARGES THE AMERICOPS AND KEANE STRENUOUSLY DENY.
SO YEAH, LIKE I SAID, I GOT PROBLEMS--
--BUT THEY'RE GONNA HAVE TO WAIT FOR NOW.

BECAUSE WE WERE ATTACKED.
A GROUP OF HEROES STOOD UP AGAINST AN IMPOSSIBLE EVIL.
THINGS TOOK A TURN--
--AND WE LOST SOMEONE.
JIM RHODES IS DEAD.

MOTHER BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH. PHILADELPHIA.
--SAM?
SORRY, DIDN'T MEAN TO INTERRUPT--
NO, IT'S FINE, MISTY...NO IDEA WHAT I'D SAY TO HIM RIGHT NOW ANYWAYS. ARE THEY--
ALL HERE, IN THE BACK.
-/SIGH/- THEN I GUESS IT'S TIME.
YOU'RE GOING TO DO FINE.
IT'S A BEAUTIFUL CHURCH, ISN'T IT? YOU CAN FEEL THE HISTORY.
YEAH. HE'D LIKE THAT WE DID IT HERE.
YOU *THINK* SO? I KNOW THERE WAS A LITTLE BIT OF DEBATE, DOING A MEMORIAL DOWN HERE WITH THE SOLDIER'S FUNERAL AT ARLINGTON--
NO. *THIS* IS WHAT HE WOULD'VE WANTED--

--TO BE WITH HIS *FAMILY.*

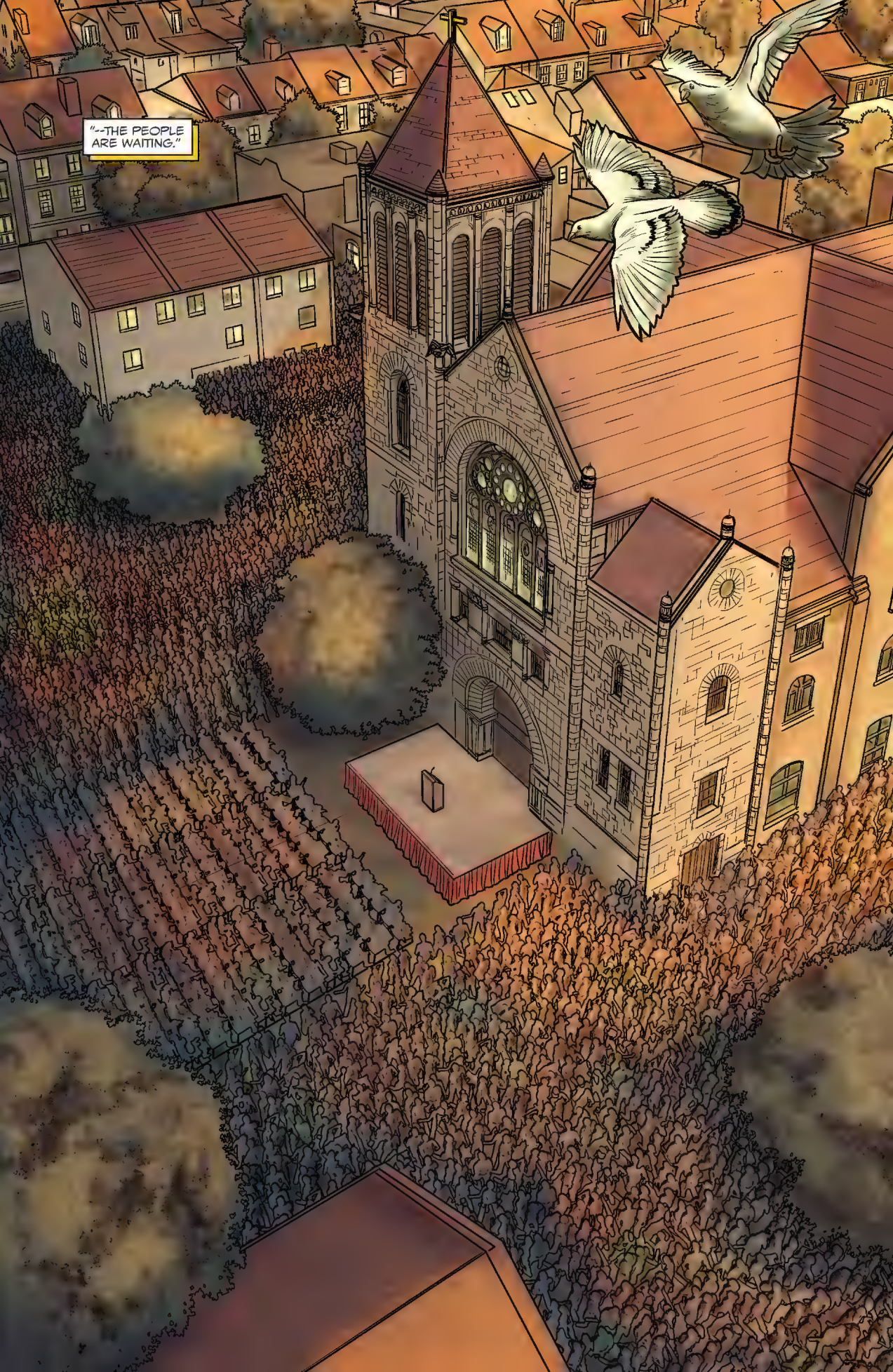
KING T'CHALLA--
JUST T'CHALLA. IT IS GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, SAM.
YOU, TOO. I DIDN'T KNOW EVERYBODY WAS GONNA BE WEARING THE COSTUMES.
COME HERE, BROTHER--
LUKE-- SORRY TO KEEP YOU ALL WAITING--
YOU'RE A BUSY MAN THESE DAYS. AND I SEE YOU BROUGHT YOUR MUSCLE--
JUST TO KEEP YOU IN LINE, CAGE. LIKE ALWAYS.
HELLO, SAM.
ORORO. NICK. THANK YOU FOR COMING. MEANS WE'RE JUST MISSING--
BLADE. HE ASKED ME TO SEND HIS REGARDS. APPARENTLY HE'S DEALING WITH SOMETHING-- SEVERE.
MUST BE.
HEY, SAM-- THANKS FOR GETTING ME INVITED. I KNOW I'M...NEWER AT THIS STILL--
NONSENSE. YOU BELONG HERE.
HE'S RIGHT, FURY--WE CAN USE ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET--
--WE ARE A MAN DOWN, AFTER ALL.

MONICA--YOU WERE THERE--AT THE ATTACK, I MEAN--
AS WAS I.
DID HE--
HE DIED BRAVELY. IN BATTLE.
LOOKING OUT FOR A TEAMMATE.
THAT'S--THAT'S GOOD, RIGHT?
DAMN RIGHT IT IS. IT'S EXACTLY WHAT THE MAN WOULD'VE WANTED.
AT LEAST, WE HOPE. JERICHO, YOU'RE AWFULLY QUIET OVER THERE. ARE YOU--
IF YOU'RE ASKING IF I'M ABLE TO COMMUNE WITH HIS SPIRIT, I CAN.
IT'S FAINT, DISTANT, BUT...HE IS AT PEACE. HIS ONLY CONCERN NOW--
--IS FOR WHAT IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN TO US.

CAN'T SAY I BLAME HIM THERE.
YEAH. THIS KID CAROL'S GOT, THE INHUMAN--
ULYSSES.
IS IT TRUE, THEN? WHAT HE CAN DO?
YES. HE CAN SEE THE FUTURE.
THESE ARE DANGEROUS FORCES TO PLAY WITH--
DAMN RIGHT. CAN'T SAY ANY OF THIS FEELS GOOD TO ME. DO WE KNOW EXACTLY HOW HE'S PREDICTING THINGS?
THE ULTIMATES ARE... INVESTIGATING.
SO IN THE MEANTIME, WE JUST--DO WHAT?
ARE YOU SUGGESTING WE SIT ON OUR HANDS IF THERE'S A WARNING ABOUT AN ATTACK?
OF COURSE NOT, SPECTRUM.
BUT WHAT HAPPENS IF HE'S WRONG?
ENOUGH!
NOT HERE. NOT NOW.
SORRY, IT'S JUST-- SORRY.
WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT WHO'S GONNA SPEAK.
YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?

TEN MINUTES LATER.
I KEEP TELLING PEOPLE-- I DON'T LIKE GIVING SPEECHES! A EULOGY?!
YOU SURE GAVE A PRETTY ONE WHEN STEVE ROGERS DIED.
THAT WAS DIFFERENT. STEVE IS MY BEST FRIEND. I'VE KNOWN AND FOUGHT WITH THE MAN FOR... YEARS.
I LIKED JIM. ALWAYS THOUGHT HE WAS A GOOD GUY, BUT...WE DIDN'T WORK TOGETHER MUCH.
I DIDN'T KNOW HIM THAT WELL. AT LEAST, NOT WELL ENOUGH TO--
THIS SHOULD BE TONY.
TONY IS IN NO SHAPE.
THEN CAROL. OR, LUKE--I MEAN, THIS WHOLE THING IS HIS IDEA--"IF ONE OF US DIES, THE REST OF US SHOW UP TOGETHER, FOR THE COMMUNITY"-- HE SHOULD DO IT. HE'S LED THE AVENGERS, LOTS OF DIFFERENT AVENGERS.
I JUST-- I DON'T SEE WHY IT SHOULD BE ME.
SAM WILSON. YOU ARE NOT SO PRETTY THAT YOU CAN AFFORD TO ACT THIS STUPID.
WHAT?
WHY IT SHOULD BE-- ARE YOU SERIOUS?
ALL RIGHT, I GET IT--
I DON'T THINK YOU DO. DO YOU KNOW WHY I STARTED HELPING YOU IN THE FIRST PLACE?
BECAUSE I AM SO PRETTY?
HA-- NICE TRY, BUT SEE--
--I KNEW HOW IMPORTANT THIS WAS GOING TO BE.

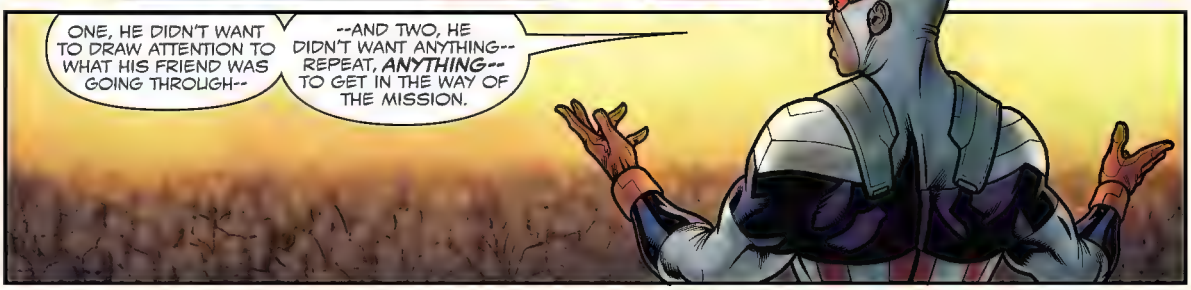
SAM, YOU ARE A BLACK MAN, AND YOU ARE CAPTAIN AMERICA.
NOBODY EVER NOTICES HISTORY WHEN IT'S HAPPENING, BUT LET ME TELL YOU--THAT IS NOT A THING, THAT IS THE THING.
AND MOST OF US, ALL THE TIME--WE JUST TRY TO PLAY LIKE IT'S NORMAL, TRY NOT TO MAKE YOU THINK ABOUT WHAT'S ON YOUR SHOULDERS, BUT--SORRY, CHAMP--THAT DON'T MEAN IT ISN'T.
AND THIS IS ONE OF THOSE TIMES WHEN THERE'S NO GETTING AROUND IT.
A LOT OF KIDS HERE IN SOUTH PHILLY, THEY GOT TO LOOK UP IN THE SKY AND SEE JIM AND SAY THAT COULD BE THEM SOMEDAY.
THAT KIND OF HOPE IS IN WAY TOO SHORT SUPPLY THESE DAYS, BUT--WELL, NOW THEY DON'T. BUT AT LEAST THEY STILL HAVE YOU--
--AND NOW YOU NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT'S ENOUGH.
RIGHT. OKAY. BUT...WHY DID YOU START HELPING ME IN THE FIRST PLACE, EXACTLY?
HH--IDIOT. MAYBE I JUST WANNA SWOOP IN AND BE THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMAN CAPTAIN AMERICA AFTER YOU MAKE A DAMN FOOL OF YOURSELF.
GOT YOUR COSTUME HANGING UP IN THE BACK ROOM, BY THE WAY. HURRY UP AND GET CHANGED--


"--THE PEOPLE ARE WAITING."

JIM RHODES WAS IRON MAN.

NOW, I GET IT--FOR MANY OF US, HE ALWAYS WAS, IN A LOT OF WAYS.
BUT I MEAN, LITERALLY--FOR A WHILE THERE--HE WAS IRON MAN.
WHEN HIS BEST FRIEND, TONY STARK--AND I KNOW TONY IS HURTING RIGHT NOW, AND WE'RE PRAYING FOR HIM TODAY, AS WELL--
--WHEN TONY FOUND HIMSELF IN A PLACE WHERE HE COULDN'T SUIT UP, HE ASKED RHODEY TO TAKE HIS PLACE. TO WEAR THE ARMOR OF A FOUNDING AVENGER.
AND SO JIM DID IT--NO QUESTIONS ASKED. SOMEONE NEEDED HELP, AND HE GAVE IT.
BUT FUNNY THING ABOUT THAT--WHEN JIM BECAME IRON MAN, HE DIDN'T TELL ANYONE. NOBODY--NOT EVEN HIS AVENGERS TEAMMATES--KNEW IT WASN'T TONY IN THE SUIT ANYMORE.
AND THAT ALWAYS STRUCK ME.
HE HAD TO KNOW THE IMPORTANCE OF WHAT HE WAS DOING. THE HISTORY HE WAS MAKING, RIGHT?
BUT STILL, HE KEPT IT QUIET.
I KNOW HE HAD DOUBTS. AND MAYBE HE THOUGHT, IF HE FAILED, HE DIDN'T WANT TO LET EVERYONE DOWN.
HE DIDN'T WANT IT TO REFLECT BADLY ON WHERE HE CAME FROM--
--AND I CAN CERTAINLY RELATE TO THAT.

BUT I DON'T THINK THAT'S WHAT IT WAS.
YOU SEE, JIM RHODES WAS TWO THINGS--A GOOD FRIEND, AND A GOOD SOLDIER. SO IF I HAD TO GUESS WHY HE CHOSE TO KEEP HIS TIME AS IRON MAN A SECRET, I'D VENTURE TWO--

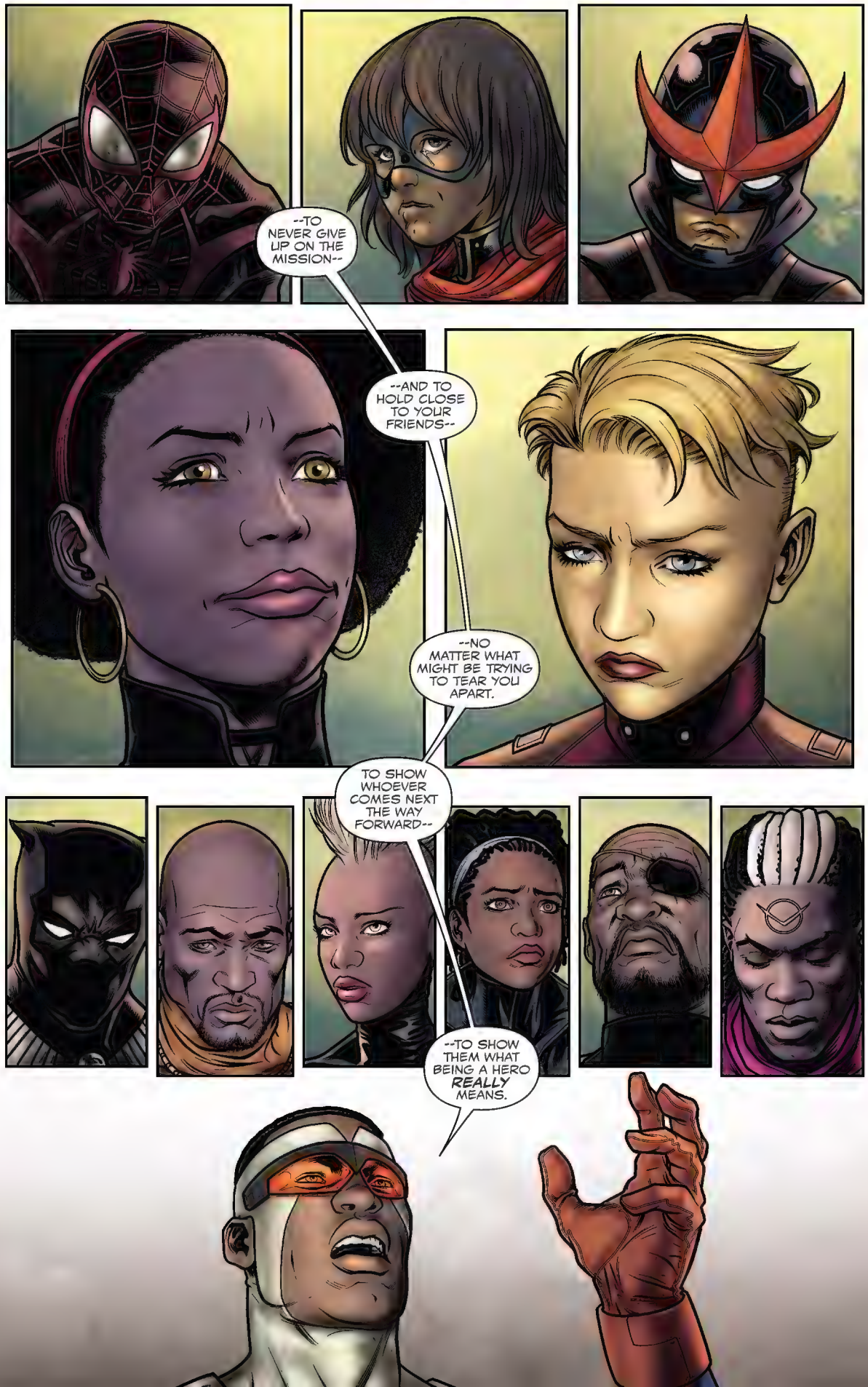

ONE, HE DIDN'T WANT TO DRAW ATTENTION TO WHAT HIS FRIEND WAS GOING THROUGH--
--AND TWO, HE DIDN'T WANT ANYTHING--REPEAT, ANYTHING--TO GET IN THE WAY OF THE MISSION.

"BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT REALLY DROVE RHODEY. THE MISSION. AND NO MATTER WHO HE WAS--A FIGHTER PILOT, IRON MAN, WAR MACHINE--IT NEVER CHANGED.
"DO GOOD. HELP OTHERS. MAKE THE WORLD A SAFER, BETTER PLACE."

HE DIDN'T WANT US FOCUSED ON HIM--HE WANTED US FOCUSED ON THAT.
BUT EVEN SO--EVEN IF IT WASN'T WHAT HE WAS AFTER--HE DID INSPIRE US. I KNOW HE INSPIRED ME.

WHEN IT WAS MY TURN TO FILL SOME BIG SHOES, I COULD CALL BACK TO RHODEY'S EXAMPLE AND SAY, YEAH--MAYBE I COULD DO THAT, TOO.

AND HE CONTINUES TO INSPIRE US--


--TO NEVER GIVE UP ON THE MISSION--
--AND TO HOLD CLOSE TO YOUR FRIENDS--
--NO MATTER WHAT MIGHT BE TRYING TO TEAR YOU APART.
TO SHOW WHOEVER COMES NEXT THE WAY FORWARD--
--TO SHOW THEM WHAT BEING A HERO REALLY MEANS.

YOU SPEAK, AND YOU HOPE THE MESSAGE GETS THROUGH--
--TO THE PEOPLE WHO NEED IT MOST.
YOU HOPE IT GIVES THEM SOME COMFORT. A CHANCE TO MAKE PEACE.
WE'RE GOING TO MISS YOU, JIM--THAT'S FOR DAMN SURE.
BUT IT'S NICE TO KNOW YOU'RE LOOKING OUT FOR US--EVEN IF YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT WHAT'S TO COME--

--WHO CAN BLAME YOU THERE, RIGHT?
CAN'T BELIEVE THESE @#$!%&# ARE BACK.
JUST DID ONE OF THEIR "PATROLS" YESTERDAY.
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ATM
YOU KNOW MARCUS? LITTLE GUY, LIVES OVER IN C? I HEARD THEY BROKE HIS ARM BECAUSE HE HAD HIS MUSIC UP TOO LOUD.
NAH, I HEARD THEY BROKE BOTH HIS ARMS.
WE GOTTA DO SOMETHING, MAN!
WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO?!
HE'S RIGHT--
--TIME WE STARTED HITTING BACK.

GO BACK TO YOUR FRIENDS AND YOUR FAMILIES.
TELL THEM WE'RE ABOUT TO TAKE TO A STAND.
TELL THEM
RAGE
HAS THEIR BACKS.
TO BE CONTINUED!

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